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Sen. Cropsey's bill creating Greenville Renaissance Zone heads to governor

LANSING – Legislation that would create a Renaissance Zone to aid economic development in the city of Greenville now goes to the governor today after final Senate passage, announced Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

“Greenville needs every tool out there to attract jobs,” Cropsey said. “The timing of this effort is urgent because an Indiana company is considering Greenville as a place to create new jobs. Too many jobs have been lost in Greenville and we have to act to help stop this and turn it around.”

Senate Bill 1453, which is sponsored by Cropsey, gives a Greenville industrial park the Renaissance Zone designation, which means businesses in those zones are exempted from Michigan's Single Business Tax as well as income and various property taxes. Many other Michigan cities have succeeded in attracting and retaining firms with the tax relief.

This year Greenville has seen thousands of jobs leave with the closure of the Electrolux plant and others.

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